



MassHealth Fact Sheet – FY10 H.1

Children's Behavioral Health Initiative (CBHI)



Overview

Beginning on June 30, 2009, several new services will be implemented as part of the Children's Behavioral Health Initiative (CBHI). This initiative provides a system for youth and their families that incorporates a broad array of coordinated services and supports; integrates care planning and management across multiple levels; is culturally and linguistically competent; and builds meaningful partnerships with youth and their families at service delivery, management, and policy levels.

CBHI services promote behavioral health of youth and families, provide a comprehensive array of accessible formal and informal services and individualized service planning and delivery in ways that actively engage youth and families in the context of their unique cultures, works to ensure the least restrictive and least intrusive community-based services that can meet identified needs, and integrates and coordinate service delivery across all service systems.

In the context of the state's continued budgetary shortfalls, MassHealth and EOHHS have asked the Attorney General's Office to file a motion with the Court to modify the implementation schedule. The proposed plan would retain the June 30, 2009 deadline for Intensive Care Coordination, Mobile Crisis Intervention, and Caregiver Peer to Peer Support, but change to July 1, 2010 the deadline for Crisis Stabilization, In-Home Behavioral Services, In-Home Therapy Services and Therapeutic Mentoring.

FY10 Initiatives

\$43.5M Investment for Children's Behavioral Health Initiative

The Commonwealth is seeking modification in the CBHI as a responsible response to budget challenges and is designed to prevent deep cuts in existing services instead of building all of the new services on the original CBHI timeline.

This investment will help preserve existing services. For members of the Rosie D. class, the services MassHealth is rolling out first (Intensive Care Coordination), Mobile Crisis, and Parent Partners) are the most critical and will substantially meet the needs the Court identified.